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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

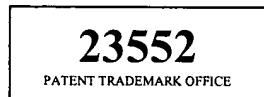
This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is not provided because it was previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in parent applications, U.S. Serial No. 10/393,956 filed on March 20, 2003 and U.S. Serial No. 09/925,611, filed August 9, 2001, now U.S. Patent 6,547,306. A copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,547,306, which was not cited in either of the parent patent applications, is not submitted as this patent application is being filed after June 30, 2003 (37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i)).

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully submitted,

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION
						YES NO
	1,375,886	11/27/1974	GB			
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)						

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